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TAGS: MILI SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNING ARMS EXPORTS

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1. LOCAL STATUTES CONCERNING SUBJECT, INCLUDING IMPORT AND EXPORT, ARE EMBODIED IN JORDANIAN LAW NO. 34, 1952, "LAW OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION." ARTICLE 9 STATES, "NO ARMS OR AMMUNITION MAY BE EXPORTED OUT OF THE KINGDOM." RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENFORCING LAW FALLS ON PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES (PSF). SINCE JORDAN DOES NOT MANUFACTURE ARMS OR AMMUNITION, VIOLATIONS OF LAW INVOLVE ILLEGAL RE-EXPORTATION-- SMUGGLING-- OF IMPORTED ARMS.

2. TOPIC OF ARMS SMUGGLING TOUCHES ON AREAS OF LOCAL DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SENSITIVITY, AND EMBASSY ENCOUNTERED SOME RESISTANCE ON PART OF PSF RE DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT: INFORMATION WAS FINALLY ELICITED THAT ARMS SMUGGLING IS MINOR PROBLEM INVOLVING APPROXIMATELY TEN INTERCEPTIONS (USUALLY PISTOLS) PER YEAR ACROSS SAUDI-JORDANIAN BORDER.

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3. COMMENT: ARAB TRADITION LEADS MOST MALES
TO CARRY PERSONAL FIREARM; THUS LAWS GOVERNING
ARMS AND AMMUNITION LARGELY IRRELEVANT HERE. SOME
BEDOUIN TRIBAL ELEMENTS MAINTAIN LIVELIHOOD BY

SMUGGLING GOODS RANGING FROM CIGARETTES TO
GUNS, AND RELUCTANCE ON PART OF GOJ TO ALIENATE
TRIBES RESULTS IN LAX ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS PERTAINING
TO SMUGGLING.
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